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Seasonal Dog Closure at Upper Truckee Marsh Begins May 1

South Lake Tahoe, Calif. – April 30th, 2014 – The Tahoe Conservancy announced today its annual seasonal dog closure at the Upper Truckee Marsh from May 1 through July 31. The purpose of the closure is to keep dogs out of critical breeding habitat for special, threatened and endangered species such as Yellow Headed Blackbirds.

"As the Lake Tahoe Humane Society's primary concern is the humane treatment of *all* animals, we support the necessary closure of the Upper Truckee Marsh to dogs in order to protect the wildlife that resides there. Please help us Keep Tahoe Kind by respecting the closure," added Niki Congero, Executive Director of the Lake Tahoe Humane Society & S.P.C.A.

The El Dorado County Sheriff enforces the seasonal dog prohibition and Conservancy staff also monitors for compliance. Beginning August 1 dogs will again be permitted access to the Upper Truckee Marsh, provided they are on leash.

The Conservancy owns and manages the 600 acre marsh, one of the largest remaining in the Sierra Nevada, for the protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat and water quality.

Established in 1984, the mission of the Tahoe Conservancy is to lead California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

For more information, visit <http://tahoe.ca.gov> or call Nick Meyer at (530) 543-6073.



Photo Caption: The Conservancy-owned Cove East property, west of the river, remains open for year-round, leashed dog access.